

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
May 12, 2014

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond (by phone 7:40 p.m.) Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt  
Excused: Kochenburger

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 special meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Ryan who abstained. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2014 special meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the April 28, 2014 special meeting as presented. Ms. Moran requested a reference to not closing the swap shop be included in the minutes. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously. Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2014 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Howard Raphaelson, Timber Drive, reported concerns expressed by his neighbors concerning the possible expansion of sewer lines into the Timber Drive area.

Todd Hadrinsky, president of the Mansfield Little League, urged support for the installation of sponsorship signs at Southeast Park Field.

Christopher Paulhus, Middle Turnpike resident and umpire, also urged support for the amendments to the Parks Rules and Regulations noting that the Little League organization has very few ways to make money.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, posed a number of questions based on the packets distributed for the May 12, 2014 meeting. (Statement attached)

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his written report the Town Manager addressed a number of questions posed by the public including the following:

- The Finance Committee has plans to review the recommendations offered by the auditors and the progress on those recommendations to date.
- Questions on the Quarterly Reports will be addressed at a future meeting.
- The Departmental and Advisory Committee Reports are now posted on line.

Ms. Raymond joined the meeting by phone.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson reported on the sudden passing of the sister of longtime Town Clerk Joan Gerdson.

Ms. Wassmundt commented that in the recent past she has been called out of order in two instances which she feels are allowed under Rule 7 c. and Rule 4 a. Ms. Wassmundt asked members to think about the issue and the possible need for a work session on the Town Council Rules of Procedure.

Mr. Ryan described the new Storywalk at the Mansfield Library sponsored by Altrusa and supported by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Library. Plans are to take Storywalks to other venues in Town.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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1. Storrs Center Update

The Town Manager provided a construction update and answered a number of questions raised in public comment:

- The interest rate charged Leyland Alliance in connection with the overruns does cover the Town's cost.
- There have been a number of fiscal impact studies, including a peer review, conducted at various stages of the project and these studies will continue to be periodically updated.
- Downtown Partnership operating costs are reviewed by the Board of Directors on an ongoing basis and new models and ways of operating are always being explored. The DTP has a plan to address both capital contribution and operating costs. The Town has issued no debt for the Storrs Center Project.
- The architect and general contractor have devised a solution for the heating/cooling issue at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center.

Mayor Paterson commented that while in California she revisited the "Little Italy" project and brought back information on the project.

2. Appointment of Town Attorney

Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee, moved effective June 7, 2014, to appoint the firm of O'Malley, Deneen, Leary, Messina, & Oswecki as Town Attorney to the Town and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and O'Malley, Deneen, Leary, Messina, & Oswecki.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to move Item 8, Successor Collective bargaining Agreement for Public Works, as the next agenda item.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved the Town Council assume the role of the Water Pollution Control Authority for the purpose of considering the FY 2013/2014 Willimantic Sewer Budget. Seconded by Ms. Moran the motion passed unanimously.

3. WPCA, FY 2013/14 Willimantic Sewer Budget

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, moved, effective May 12, 2014, to adopt the FY 2013/14 Willimantic Sewer Budget as prepared by town staff.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded to reconstitute as the Town Council.  
Motion passed unanimously.

4. Appointment of Auditor to Conduct Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2013/14

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee moved, effective May 1, 2014 to appoint Blum Shapiro and Company, P.C. as the auditing firm for the Town of Mansfield for Fiscal Year 2013/14.  
Motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Statements dated March 31, 2014

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee moved, to accept the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2014.

Mr. Ryan noted that the Finance Committee reviewed the financial statements and found nothing of concern.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Neighborhood Assistance Act Programs

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on June 9, 2014, to solicit public comment regarding potential program applications to the Neighborhood Assistance Program.

The Town Manager will provide the amounts received by the Town in prior years.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Proposed Amendments to Parks Rules and Regulations; Program Sponsorship Signs and Banners

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to refer the proposed amendments to Chapter A194 of the Parks Rules and Regulations to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and comment.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for Public Works

Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee, moved, effective May 12, 2014, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Local 2001, CSEA – Public Works, which agreement shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2013 and expire on June 30, 2016.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Use of Electronic Devices in Town Council Meetings

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded, effective May 12, 2014, to refer the use of electronic devices in Town Council meetings to the Personnel Committee for review and consideration.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. QUARTERLY REPORTS ([www.MansfieldCT.gov](http://www.MansfieldCT.gov))

No comments offered

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan reported that in addition to those items discussed earlier in the meeting the Finance Committee discussed PA 13-60, the Cemetery Fund and a review of procedures and compliance for the reimbursement of expenses.

Ms. Moran noted the Personnel Committee will soon begin the Town Manager evaluation process.

X. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS ([www.MansfieldCT.gov](http://www.MansfieldCT.gov))

Mr. Ryan noted the Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee decided to proceed without including the Timber Drive area in the plans.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

10.S. Kegler re: Agenda Items

11.K. Warren re: Ashford, Connecticut 300th Anniversary – Mr. Hart suggested the Council might like to consider this item on a future agenda.

12.M. Hart re: Reduction to the Mansfield Board of Education Budget

13.University of Connecticut re: Contract #UC-S500456, Personal Service Agreement – Mr. Hart noted that while there is still one more contract year, he has asked the Executive Director to work with the Board to develop a future plan.

14.Legal Notice: Adoption of Amendments to the Mansfield Fee Waivers Ordinance

15.Legal Notice: Zoning Board of Appeals

16.Mansfield Inland Wetlands Agency Proclamation in Honor of Grant Meitzler, P.E.

Inland Wetlands Agent and Assistant Town Engineer – Mr. Hart also acknowledged the years of service Mr. Meitzler has given to the Town.

17.Notice and Warning of Annual Town Meeting

18.Request for Qualifications – Impact Analysis of Next Generation Connecticut Initiative

19.CCJEF v. Rell: Education Adequacy and Equity – April 2014

20.CodeRED Press and Registration Materials – Mr. Hart urged Council members to sign up for the service if they wish/  
21.CRCOG Newsletter – May 5, 2014  
22.Press Release: Comptroller Lembo Projects \$43.4 Million Surplus for Fiscal Year 2014

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA**

No additional items offered.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to move into executive session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(D) and to include Town Manager Matt Hart and Natural Resource and Park Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman in the discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(D)

Present: Kegler, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond (by phone), Ryan, Shapiro, and Wassmundt

Mr. Shapiro recused himself from participating in the first discussion of the sale or purchase of real property but participated in the second discussion.

Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart and Natural Resource and Park Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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